



# THE TUESDAY



## **Important** January 27, 2009

Dear Mountain Oak School Community,

Perhaps you've heard the news? Arizona schools are placed 49<sup>th</sup> in regards to states funding schools. That means schools in 48 states get more money per student than Arizona. Today we all know the legislature must cut more money in Arizona in order to balance the state budget. This will affect Mountain Oak School; it will affect the teachers, the students and the curriculum. Mountain Oak School will need to scale back as the state cuts up to 10% percent from schools for the 2009 fiscal year.

The school operates annually on a million dollar budget; we are not a wealthy school. Class teachers, specialty teachers, office personnel and others already are not paid an equitable wage for all the work they do. The budget allows for very little professional development money or money to develop and maintain a beautiful facility. If the state takes away 10% there will be changes, if the state takes away 5% there will be changes, and it is going to happen. Every school in Arizona is facing this budget challenge.

The parent body can offset some of this alarming picture. You can help! We are having 3 events this winter and spring that could save a specialty subject for next fall, keep salaries at current pay schedule and keep supplies flowing. The school cannot do this alone. This means all the parents participating with all three events. What ever the amount of money we can raise, so much better the outlook for next year. Here is what to do:

Help with the Silent Auction! Go out and procure an item or service to donate to the auction; sell at least 2 tickets to the auction; get friends and family to come out and support the school; help with the preparation, set-up and clean-up. If you have not had the chance to help out this year now it is your turn.

We are here for your child and we need the parent body to support the education that you chose. Take a moment and think about what you appreciate about Mountain Oak School and its existence.

Sincerely,

*Cindy Roe*



### Read All About It...

#### *Mountain Oak School Silent Auction & Valentine's Dance*

Saturday February 14, 2009  
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

#### How you can help the Silent Auction be a success:

1-All school procurement- Please ask for donations from businesses you already have a relationship with, or services you use. Use the attached letters for request. More letters are available in the office or by email request- [lovethechild@yahoo.com](mailto:lovethechild@yahoo.com)

- 2- Help gather Food & Drinks
- 3- Be our Decorations Coordinator
- 4- Help set up & break down
- 5-Donate or loan:

- \*Red and pink streamers,
- \*Valentines decorations,
- \*Flowers or potted plants,
- \*Small plates,
- \*hot/ cold cups...
- \*Red, pink, turquoise table cloths or sheets...

Contact Rhonda James 776.1657  
[lovethechild@yahoo.com](mailto:lovethechild@yahoo.com)

♥ **TAX CREDIT- It's Not Too Late.**  
Post date your check to 12/31/08 and get it to the office ASAP!

♥ **Private Tutoring Available!**  
Does your child need help with school work -- Reading, Language Arts, Math, Study Skills, etc.? If so, **I can help!** I am an experienced, Waldorf-certified teacher. If you're interested, please call Pat Babinsky (4th grade Julia's mom) at 443-8428.



# January 2009



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
25	26	27 <i>Today</i>	28	29 1st gr. Parent Meeting 3:15pm 4th gr. Parent Meeting	30	31
February 1	2	3 Edward Knighton Presentation 6:30pm	4	5 Parent Association Meeting 5:30pm	6	7
8	9 5th gr. Parent Meeting 6:30-8pm	10	11	12	13	14 MOS Silent Auction!

## Raffle for a \$25,000 Lorenzo Ghiglieri Statue

*Help support the 8th Graders  
as they fundraise for their  
class trip to Costa Rica!*

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please call Mountain Oak at 541-7700. Tickets are \$30 and a limited number are being sold. The statue can be viewed at the Ian Russell Gallery, Old Firehouse Plaza, 220 W. Goodwin St., Suite 4, 445-7009. For further information, go to our website at [www.mountainoakschool.org/statue.html](http://www.mountainoakschool.org/statue.html). Drawing will be held 4/10/09.



Hello Mountain Oak Families,

Sprouts

Earth Friendly

Children's Boutique

will be donating 5% of sales to Mountain Oak School, just mention this ad, that's all there is to it. Mention it to a friend, relative or neighbor, and the school will get even more donations. Thanks for your support, and we will see you soon.

Tues.- Sat. 11am -5pm

505 S. Montezuma

(across from Maya's Mexican food)

928-830-5471





# Mountain Oak

· 124 N. Virginia St. Prescott, AZ 86301 ·

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*A Waldorf-Inspired Charter School*

January 8, 2009

Dear Business Owner/ Management,

You may be familiar with Mountain Oak as one of the Prescott area schools. This year is our **Third Annual Silent Auction**. The money raised will go toward supporting programs at our school or toward facilities development, a new place to call home. This year's Silent Auction is February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Smoki Museum.

We are asking the business community of Prescott to help us reach our fund raising goal of \$20,000 by **donating an item or service** to be bid on at the silent auction. Keep in mind that our school is a non-profit entity and your business may deduct the donation. We will advertise your business at the Silent Auction and your business can have **free advertising** in our weekly newsletter through June of 2010.

The students who attend Mountain Oak have the benefit of the arts woven into the curriculum. Every day the students play musical instruments, paint, draw, knit, carve and sculpt. Creativity allows children to know themselves and develop a connection to humanity. The school curriculum builds creativity as well as developing grounded academic abilities.

Participating businesses are invited to the Silent Auction for an evening of live music, dancing and entertainment. We appreciate your support of the local schools and the children of Prescott.

It is difficult for schools with the economic crunch that is happening across the nation. We would greatly appreciate your support. We will be calling soon to see if you can help our fundraising by donating an item or a service.

Appreciatively,

Parents, Faculty, Board and Administration of the Mountain Oak School Community

Federal ID # 86-0904150

Mountain Oak will mail you a receipt for your donation.

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